Telecasting of weather reports

†518. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the reason for not telecasting the weather reports on 24th June, 2002 by Doordarshan and the loss suffered by Doordarshan as a result thereof; and

(b) the person who has been held responsible by Government for not telecasting the weather report and the action taken against him to recover the amount of loss to Doordarshan?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Prasar Bharati has intimated that the weather report was telecast on 24th June, 2002. In any case, weather report is not sponsored and hence the question of any revenue loss does not arise.

(b) Does not arise.

Foreign equity in print media

519. SHRI KULDIP NAYYAR:
SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether government propose to allow Foreign Direct Investment in Print Media;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of proposals received by Government in the said sector, so far, and from which country;

(d) the number of proposals cleared by FIPB, so far; and

(e) the Ministry's projection in this regard?

---

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.